

Claims

1. A clamping apparatus for an adjustable steering column for a vehicle, the clamping apparatus including at least two, relatively slidable plates that can be clamped relatively to one another, the two plates having relatively slidable, clamping surfaces that contact one another, the respective clamping surfaces of the two plates being made of material of different hardnesses.
2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one of the plates is used in connection with reach adjustment of the steering column.
3. An apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein one of the plates is used in connection with rake adjustment of the steering column.
4. An apparatus according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein one of the plates is made of mild steel.
5. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein one of the plates is made of mild aluminium or aluminium alloy.
6. A clamping apparatus for an adjustment steering column for a vehicle, substantially as hereinbefore described, with reference to the accompanying drawings.
7. An adjustable steering column for a vehicle incorporating a clamping apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims.

8. An adjustable steering column according to claim 7, which is rake and/or reach adustable.

5 9. A vehicle incorporating an adjustable steering column according to claim 7 or 8.